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NEWS

PROFESSOR GEORG KLEBS, of Halle, has been called to the University of Heidelberg to succeed the late Professor PFITZER.

DR. WILLIAM TRELEASE, Missouri Botanical Garden, is spending February and March in a botanical expedition in the West Indies.

THE LICHEN COLLECTION of H. E. HASSE, of California, consisting of about 3000 species and many duplicates, has been presented to the New York Garden by Mr. JOHN I. KANE.

PROFESSOR ROLAND THAXTER, Harvard University, has been selected as American editor of the *Annals of Botany*, to succeed Professor W. G. FARLOW, who has withdrawn from the position.

B. E. FERNOW, formerly director of the New York State College of Forestry at Cornell University, has been appointed to organize a department of forestry in the State College of Pennsylvania, which will be an undergraduate forestry school.

MUHLENBERGIA, with A. A. HELLER as editor and publisher, begins its third volume as a journal "open to the botanical public." It is to be restricted to the taxonomy of seed-plants. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year, and the address of the editor is Box 58, Los Gatos, California.

WITH THE January number the *Bryologist*, under the editorship of the publisher, Mrs. ANNIE MORRILL SMITH, enters upon its tenth volume, which opens with a sketch and portrait of the late WILLIAM MITTEN. The past volumes are replete with notes on the bryophytes of the United States.

THE OFFICERS of the American Society of Naturalists for the present year are *President*, J. P. McMURRICH, University of Michigan; *Vice-President*, D. P. PENHALLOW, McGill University; *Treasurer*, HERMANN VON SCHRENK, Missouri Botanical Garden; *Secretary*, E. L. THORNDIKE, Columbia University.

ADVANCE PROOFS of the *Report* of the Missouri Botanical Garden for 1906 show a very vigorous development in every department. The gardening for the benefit of the public was responded to by 117,553 visitors, a figure not reached heretofore except during the year of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. To the herbarium there were added 35,422 sheets of specimens, bringing the total collection to 559,267 sheets, 46,466 of which are thallophytes. One of the notable collections added during the year was that of the late J. REVERCHON, especially rich in Texan plants. The library is one of the very few great botanical libraries of America, the accessions of 1906 bringing the enumeration of books and pamphlets to 54,895, controlled by 571,253 index cards. During the latter part of the year J. W. BLANKINSHIP was added to the herbarium staff.